



State of Wisconsin
Department of Workforce Development

WORKFORCE OBSERVATIONS—WISCONSIN BAY AREA

(BROWN, DOOR, FLORENCE, KEWAUNEE, MANITOWOC, MARINETTE, MENOMINEE, OCONTO, SHAWANO, SHEBOYGAN COUNTIES)

August 2005

July Unemployment Rates Down Over the Month and Over the Year in the Wisconsin Bay Area

July 2005	Green Bay MSA	Brown	Door	Flor.	Kew.	Manit.	Marit.	Meno.	Oconto	Shaw.	Sheboygan MSA	Bay Area	Wisconsin
Civilian Labor Force**	170,500	138,100	18,300	2,800	12,000	46,200	23,100	1,700	20,400	22,400	65,500	350,400	3,081,700
Employed	163,200	132,200	17,600	2,600	11,500	44,000	21,900	1,500	19,500	21,500	62,700	335,100	2,941,000
Unemployed	7,200	5,800	700	200	500	2,100	1,200	200	900	1,000	2,800	15,400	140,800
Unemployment Rate %	4.2%	4.2%	3.6%	6.0%	3.9%	4.6%	5.3%	12.3%	4.4%	4.3%	4.2%	4.4%	4.6%
Change from one month ago June 2005													
Civilian Labor Force**	-1,400	-1,100	400	0	-100	100	-300	-10	-190	-100	-100	-1,300	-11,200
Employed	-500	-400	500	0	0	300	-200	0	-60	0	-100	0	-3,700
Unemployed	-800	-600	-100	0	-100	-200	-100	-10	-120	-100	0	-1,300	-7,500
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.7%	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.6%	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.3%	-0.2%
Change from one year ago July 2004													
Civilian Labor Force**	-4,200	-3,300	-300	0	-200	-1,100	-500	0	-600	-400	-900	-7,400	-33,900
Employed	-3,600	-2,900	-200	0	-300	-600	-300	0	-400	-400	-400	-5,500	-24,100
Unemployed	-600	-400	-100	0	0	-500	-200	0	-200	-100	-500	-1,900	-9,800
Unemployment rate(%)	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.6%	0.8%	0.2%	-1.0%	-0.7%	0.1%	-0.9%	-0.1%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.2%

** Data base on place of residence. Estimates not seasonally adjusted unless noted. Current monthly estimates are preliminary and rounded so total may not add correctly

The seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate dropped 0.3 of a percentage point between June and July in the Wisconsin Bay Area. The rate for the month 4.4 percent. This followed an increase in the rate between May and June of this year.

During the month the Bay Area saw a decline in the number of workers in the labor force. This is not unusual for the month of July. Quite often workers that were not successful in finding summer work during May and June leave the labor force in July.

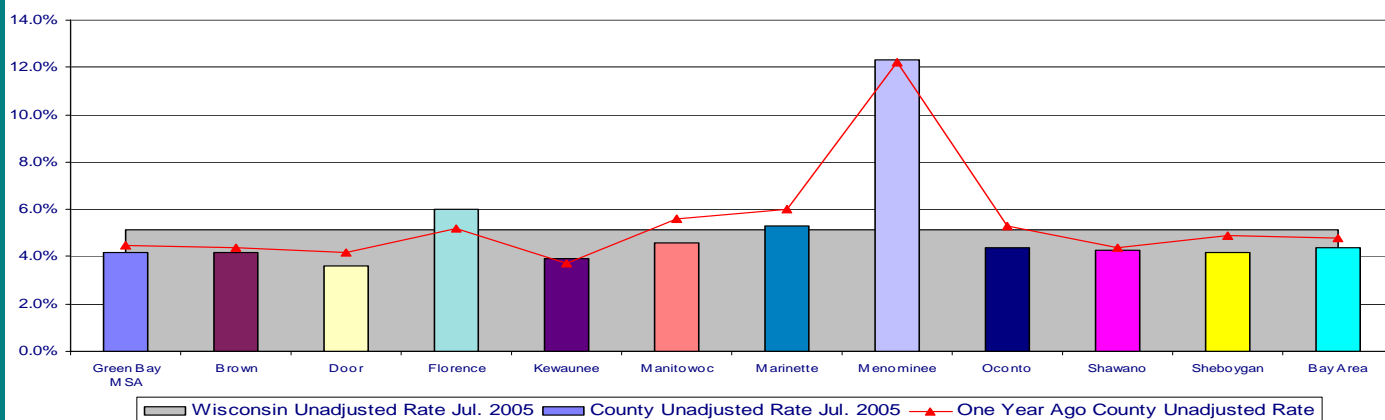
The Bay Area continues to have a lower unemployment

rate than one year ago. July's unemployment rate was 0.4 of a percentage point below last years rate for the month.

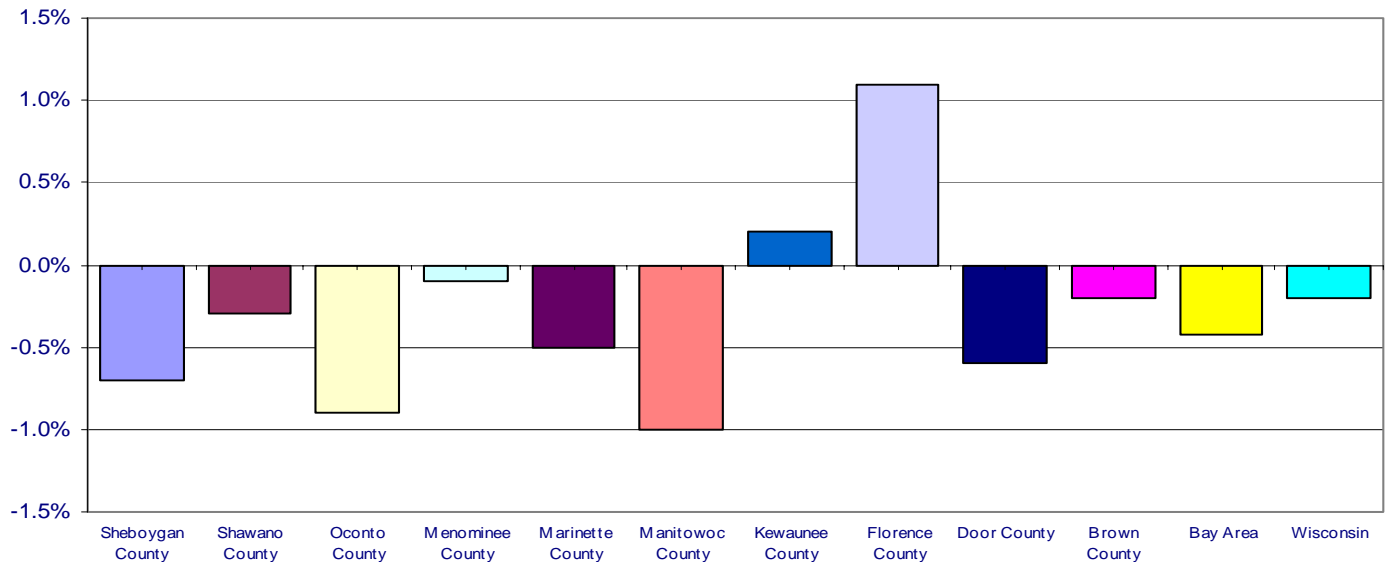
The number of workers in the area's labor force decreased by 1,300 from June to 350,400. A decrease in the labor force between June and July is typical for the region, although the decrease this year was greater than the average for the period. Typically the labor force drops about 300 over the month. The number of workers employed during the month remained unchanged at 335,100. The number of workers in the labor force as

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Bay Area Unadjusted Rates Compared to Wisconsin



Change in Unemployment Rate from Jul 2004



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well as the number of employed remained below one year ago levels in the Bay Area. The labor force was down 7,400 from last July, while the number of employed was down 5,500.

Florence County was the only county that did not have a decrease in its rate over the month. The rate in the county remained unchanged at 6.0 percent. Menominee County had the highest rate in the State of Wisconsin. Door County had the lowest rate in the region at 3.6 percent. Three of the area's ten counties had an increase in their rate from one year ago. They were: Florence, Kewaunee, and Menominee Counties.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

As of January, seasonally adjusted data is no longer available for sub-state levels. Statewide and national data will continue to have seasonally adjusted data. The seasonally adjusted rate for the State of Wisconsin increased 0.1 of a percentage point at 4.7 percent. The United States' rate was unchanged at 5.0 percent.

*Note on the table on page three that with the change of the Green Bay MSA to include Brown, Kewaunee, and Oconto Counties that individual county NFWS data is no longer available as it is aggregated into the Green Bay MSA column.

For additional labor market statistics contact our website at <http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/oea>.

Starting in October 2005, there will only be a quarterly edition of the Workforce Observation that will review the region's labor market over the previous quarter as well as featuring contemporary economic and demographic topics. Monthly workforce data for metropolitan areas is available from the homepage for the Office of Economic Advisors at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/oea/xls/wi_msa_quick_table.xls and for non-metropolitan counties at http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/oea/xls/county_quick_table.xls. E-mail alerts will continue for the quarterly publications. Please contact the author if you have questions.

Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*

National (U.S. City Average) 1982-84 = 100			% Change	Class B/C - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change	Class D - North Central States (1996 = 100)			% Change
U.S. City Average	Jul-05	Jun-05	Jul-04	(Size 50,000-1500,000)	Jul-05	Jun-05	Jul-04	(Size Less than 50,000)	Jul-05	Jun-05	Jul-04
All Items	195.4	194.5	3.2%	All Items	120.2	119.6	2.8%	All Items	182.9	182.3	3.3%
Food & Beverage	191.3	190.9	2.2%	Food & Beverage	118.0	118.0	3.0%	Food & Beverage	185.1	184.9	4.9%
Housing	196.6	195.5	3.0%	Housing	118.3	117.6	2.2%	Housing	172.3	171.7	3.5%
Apparel & Upkeep	113.8	118.3	-1.8%	Apparel & Upkeep	81.1	84.6	-1.2%	Apparel & Upkeep	122.5	129.7	-1.4%
Transportation	174.4	171.8	6.3%	Transportation	125.8	123.4	4.7%	Transportation	163.7	161.3	3.7%
Gasoline (all Types)	196.5	184.6	19.5%	Gasoline (all Types)	204.7	191.8	25.8%	Gasoline (all Types)	180.9	170.7	22.4%
Medical Care	324.1	322.9	4.2%	Medical Care	140.8	140.5	6.5%	Medical Care	324.7	322.8	6.1%
Energy	178.5	171.4	14.2%	Energy	173.9	166.5	14.0%	Energy	163.6	157.0	12.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics *Not Seasonally Adjusted

Wisconsin Bay Area Workforce Development Area										
July 2005	Green Bay MSA	Door	Florence	Manitowoc	Marinette	Menominee	Shawano	Sheboygan MSA	Bay Area	Wisconsin
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	167,300	14,700	1,200	36,500	21,000	2,000	12,800	62,900	318,500	2,844,100
Total Private	148,400	13,200	1,000	32,200	19,200	200	10,100	56,800	281,100	2,460,400
Goods Producing	41,400	3,100	400	13,200	7,500	0	2,800	26,600	95,000	661,600
Service Producing	125,900	11,700	800	23,300	13,500	2,000	10,100	36,300	223,500	2,182,500
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	10,000	1,000	100	2,300	900	0	600	2,800	17,700	149,700
Manufacturing	31,400	2,000	300	10,900	6,600	0	2,200	23,800	77,200	511,900
Trade	25,500	2,200	100	4,200	3,000	0	2,300	8,000	45,300	435,400
Transportation & Utilities	11,300	200	0	1,600	800	0	300	1,300	15,500	106,500
Financial Activities	11,200	700	0	1,100	600	0	500	2,400	16,500	159,700
Education and Health Services	20,700	1,500	100	4,900	3,100	0	1,500	7,000	38,800	376,400
Leisure & Hospitality	14,300	3,800	200	3,200	1,800	100	1,500	4,700	29,600	274,400
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	24,000	1,900	100	3,900	2,500	0	1,300	6,800	40,500	446,400
Total Government	18,900	1,600	200	4,300	1,700	1,800	2,700	6,100	37,300	383,700
Federal	1,200	100	30	200	100	10	100	200	2,000	29,200
State	2,300	100	10	100	200	10	100	600	3,400	95,900
Local	15,400	1,300	200	4,000	1,400	1,800	2,500	5,300	32,000	258,600
Change from one month ago	June 2005									
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	-2,300	300	0	0	-500	0	-100	-700	-3,400	-25,200
Percent change NFWS from last month	-1.4%	1.9%	-3.1%	0.0%	-2.4%	-1.6%	-0.8%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.9%
Total Private	-300	500	20	320	80	-10	80	0	700	5,100
Goods Producing	500	100	0	360	40	0	30	0	1,000	6,300
Service Producing	-2,800	200	-40	-400	-600	-30	-100	-700	-4,400	-31,500
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	0	0	0	100	20	0	20	0	100	2,300
Manufacturing	500	100	0	270	30	0	10	0	900	4,000
Trade	100	100	0	-30	0	0	20	200	400	1,200
Transportation & Utilities	0	0	0	10	-10	0	-10	1,000	1,000	-2,300
Financial Activities	-100	0	0	-10	0	10	-10	0	-100	200
Education and Health Services	100	0	0	-30	10	0	0	0	100	-3,200
Leisure & Hospitality	-700	300	20	60	10	-10	50	-100	-400	2,700
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-200	100	0	-40	20	0	-10	-100	-300	200
Total Government	-2,000	-200	-60	-300	-600	0	-200	-700	-4,100	-30,300
Federal	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	-100
State	0	0	0	-30	-20	0	0	0	0	300
Local	-2,000	-200	-60	-300	-600	-30	-200	-700	-4,100	-30,500
Change from one year ago	July 2004									
Total Nonfarm (NFWS) ***	-1,500	100	0	200	100	0	100	300	-700	19,900
Percent change NFWS from last year	-0.9%	0.5%	0.9%	0.4%	0.6%	-1.2%	1.1%	0.5%	-0.2%	0.7%
Total Private	-900	200	0	100	200	0	0	100	-300	20,600
Goods Producing	-500	0	0	0	100	0	-100	400	-100	9,800
Service Producing	-1,000	0	0	200	0	0	300	-100	-600	10,100
Constr., Mining & Nat.Rsrcs	-100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	6,600
Manufacturing	-400	100	0	0	0	0	-100	400	-100	3,200
Trade	300	0	0	0	0	0	100	500	900	1,400
Transportation & Utilities	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	600
Financial Activities	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	400	1,000
Education and Health Services	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	200	400	2,700
Leisure & Hospitality	-1,300	100	0	0	0	0	0	-600	-1,800	1,900
Info., Prof.& Bus. Svcs, Other Svcs	-200	0	0	0	0	0	0	-400	-500	3,200
Total Government	-600	-100	0	100	-100	0	200	200	-400	-700
Federal	-100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100	-600
State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
Local	-500	-100	0	100	-100	0	200	200	-200	-800
*** Includes employment with employers located in area. Estimates are NOT seasonally adjusted.										
Current month estimates are preliminary. Totals may not add due to rounding. Calculations based on unrounded numbers. NFWS data is benchmarked to 3/2003										

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